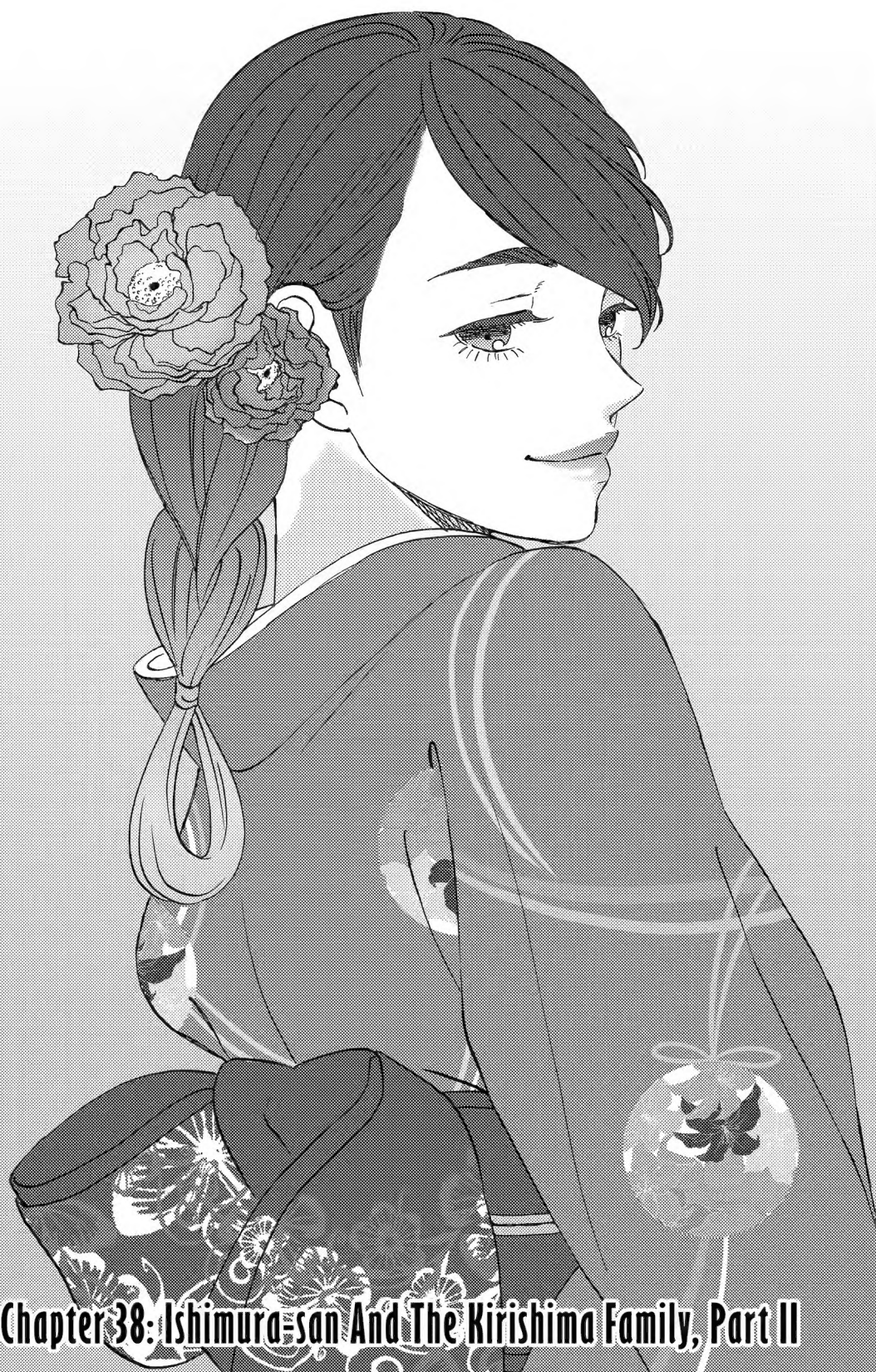
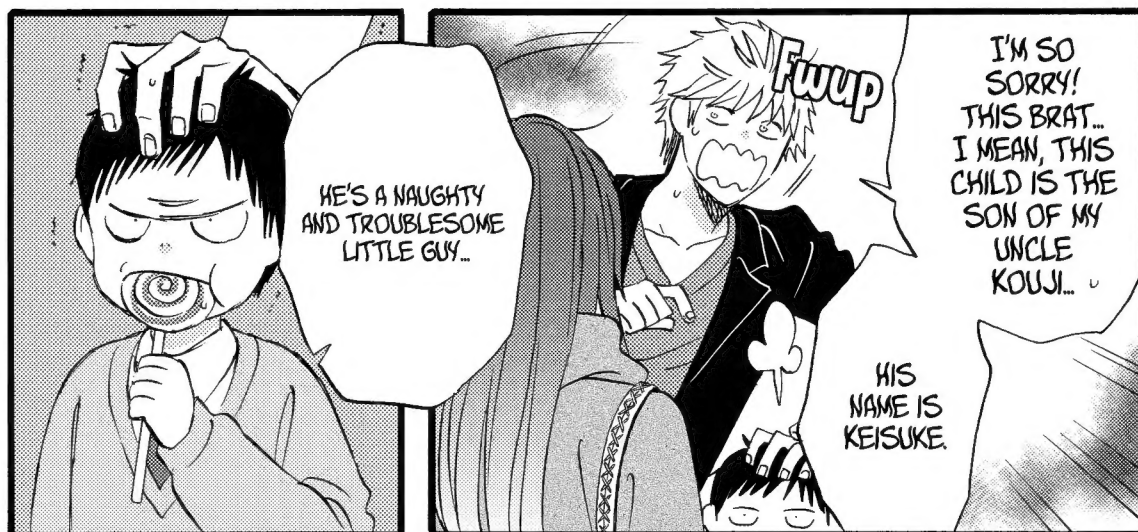
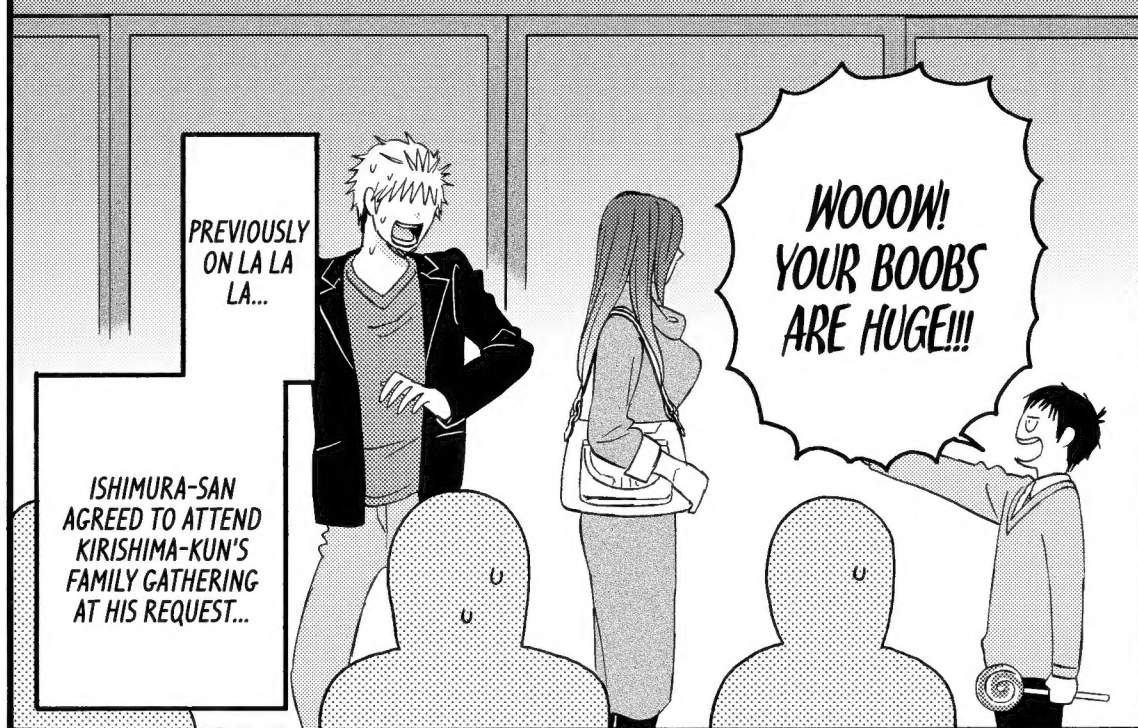
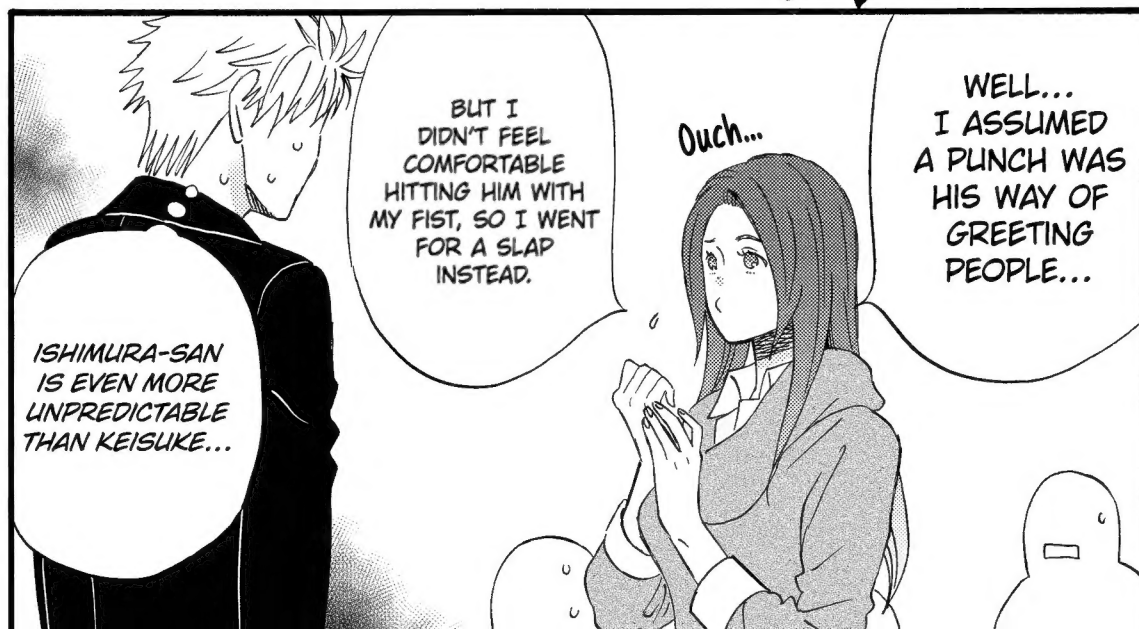
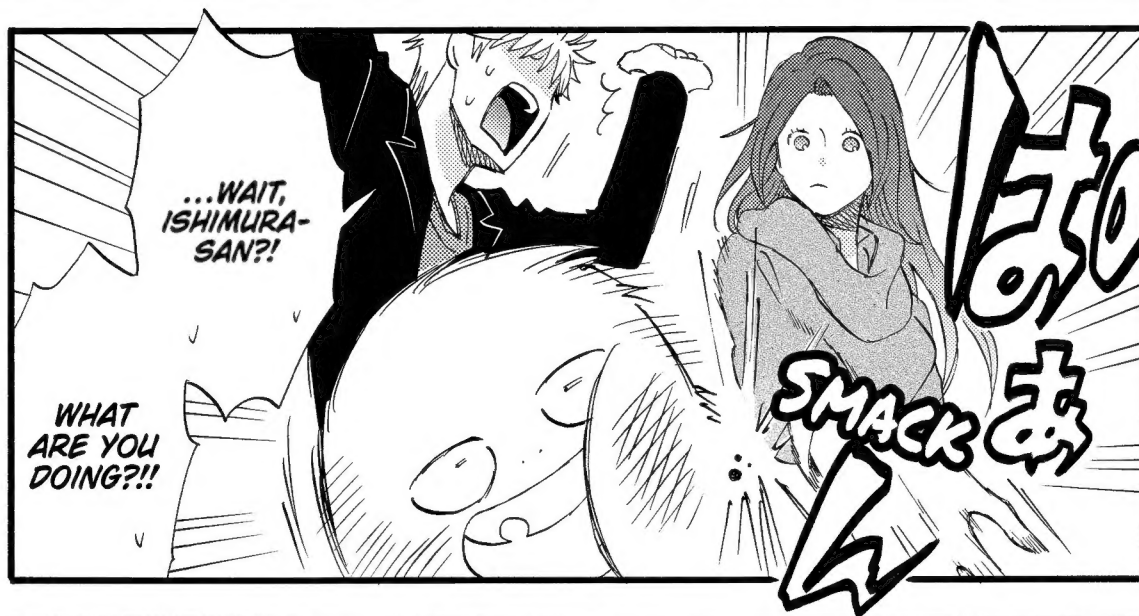




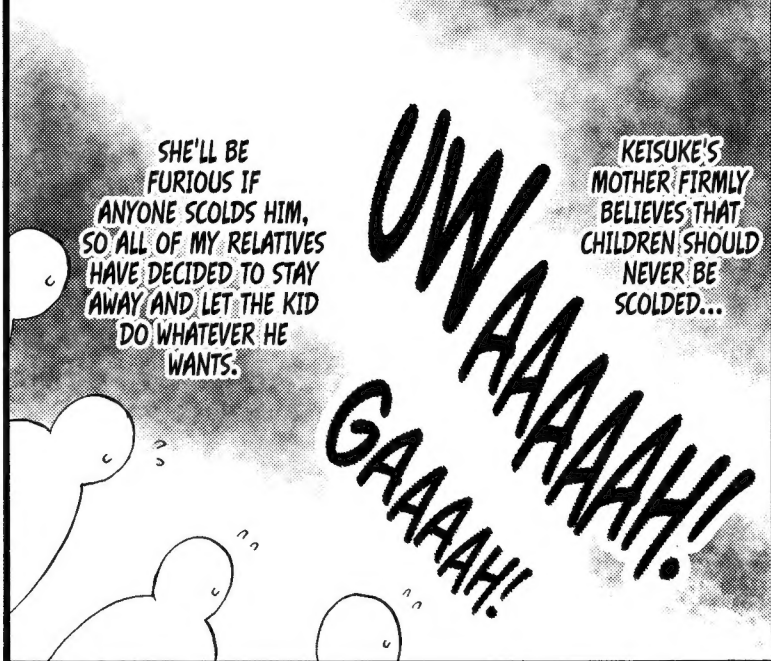
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MY COUSIN KOUJI,
ON THE OTHER HAND,
WAS A PRETTY STRICT GUY
BEFORE KEISUKE WAS BORN.
BUT IT SEEMS THAT HIS WIFE'S
WORD IS ABSOLUTE NOW,
AND HE CAN'T STAND
UP TO HER.



SHE'LL BE
FURIOUS IF
ANYONE SCOLDS HIM,
SO ALL OF MY RELATIVES
HAVE DECIDED TO STAY
AWAY AND LET THE KID
DO WHATEVER HE
WANTS.

KEISUKE'S
MOTHER FIRMLY
BELIEVES THAT
CHILDREN SHOULD
NEVER BE
SCOLDED...



I KNEW IT.
SHE SET UP
KEISUKE TO
CAUSE TROUBLE
FOR ISHIMURA-
SAN!

Grim Grim Grim

WHOA...
AUNT
HARUMI
LOOKS IS
TOTALLY
ENJOYING
THIS...!



HM...?

...I GUESS HE
JUST DOESN'T
WANT TO FIGHT
WITH HIS
WIFE.



YOUR SON
CLEARLY LACKS
MANNERS.
AREN'T YOU
GOING TO
SCOLD
HIM?

THIS IS
THE FIRST
TIME WE MET,
AND YET HE
INSULTED ME AND
THEN HIT ME IN
FRONT OF
EVERYONE.

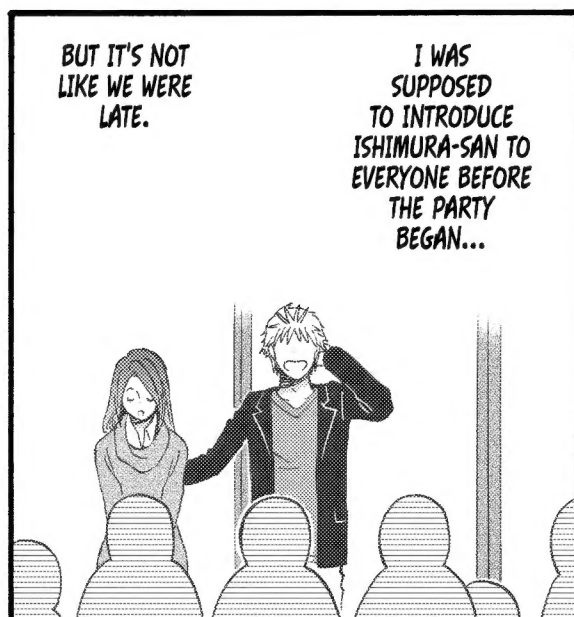
AS A
FATHER,
YOU'RE
FAILING.

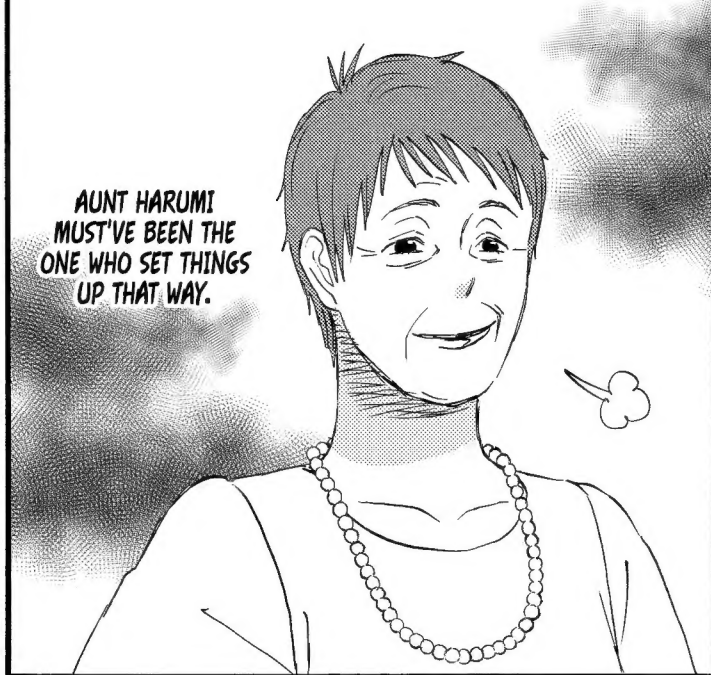
WHAT...?



ISHIMURA-
SAN...

...NO, NO.
I'M NOT IN
THE WRONG
HERE.



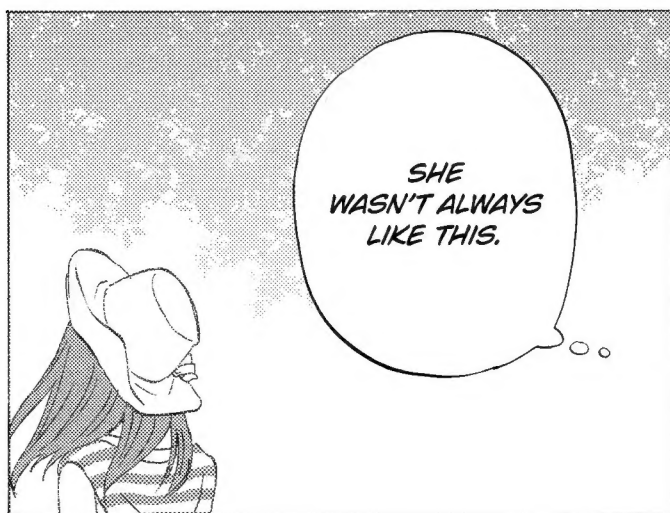


AUNT HARUMI
MUST'VE BEEN THE
ONE WHO SET THINGS
UP THAT WAY.



SO ISHIMURA-
SAN COULDN'T
INTRODUCE
HERSELF TO
EVERYONE.

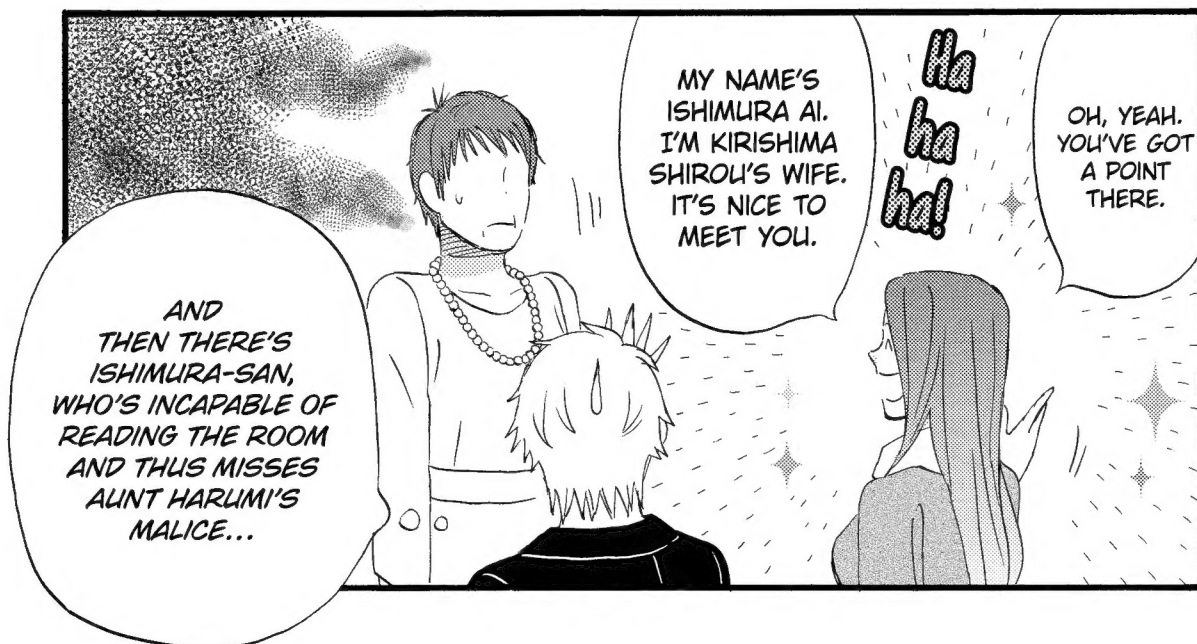
THEY
DIDN'T WAIT
FOR US AND
STARTED THE
PARTY RIGHT
AWAY...



SHE
WASN'T ALWAYS
LIKE THIS.



THAT'S
TYPICAL
OF HER,
AND
YET...



MY NAME'S
ISHIMURA AI.
I'M KIRISHIMA
SHIROU'S WIFE.
IT'S NICE TO
MEET YOU.

Ha
ha
ha!

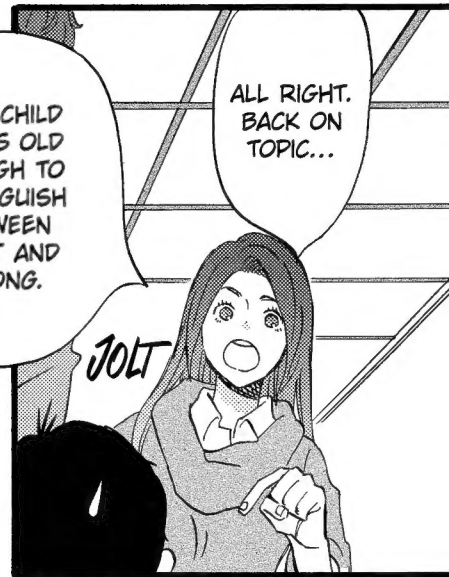
OH, YEAH.
YOU'VE GOT
A POINT
THERE.

AND
THEN THERE'S
ISHIMURA-SAN,
WHO'S INCAPABLE OF
READING THE ROOM
AND THUS MISSES
AUNT HARUMI'S
MALICE...



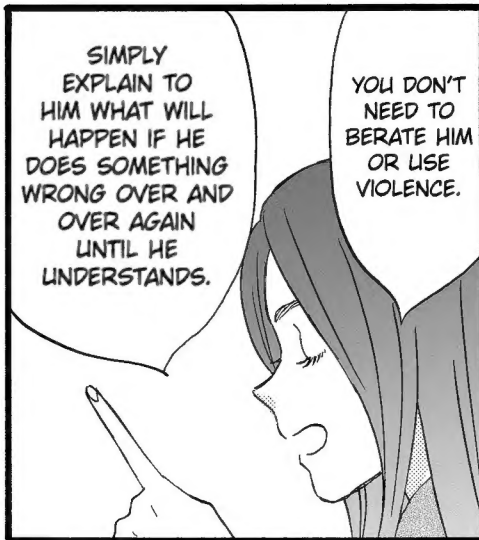
HE KNOWS
THAT WHAT
HE'S DOING IS
WRONG.

BUT WHY
AREN'T THE
ADULTS DOING
ANYTHING TO
CORRECT
HIM?



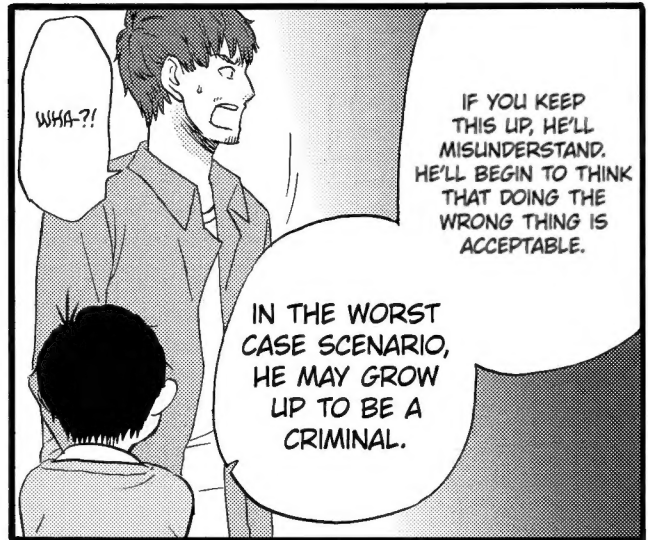
ALL RIGHT.
BACK ON
TOPIC...

JOLT



SIMPLY
EXPLAIN TO
HIM WHAT WILL
HAPPEN IF HE
DOES SOMETHING
WRONG OVER AND
OVER AGAIN
UNTIL HE
UNDERSTANDS.

YOU DON'T
NEED TO
BERATE HIM
OR USE
VIOLENCE.



WHA-?!

IF YOU KEEP
THIS UP, HE'LL
MISUNDERSTAND.
HE'LL BEGIN TO THINK
THAT DOING THE
WRONG THING IS
ACCEPTABLE.

IN THE WORST
CASE SCENARIO,
HE MAY GROW
UP TO BE A
CRIMINAL.



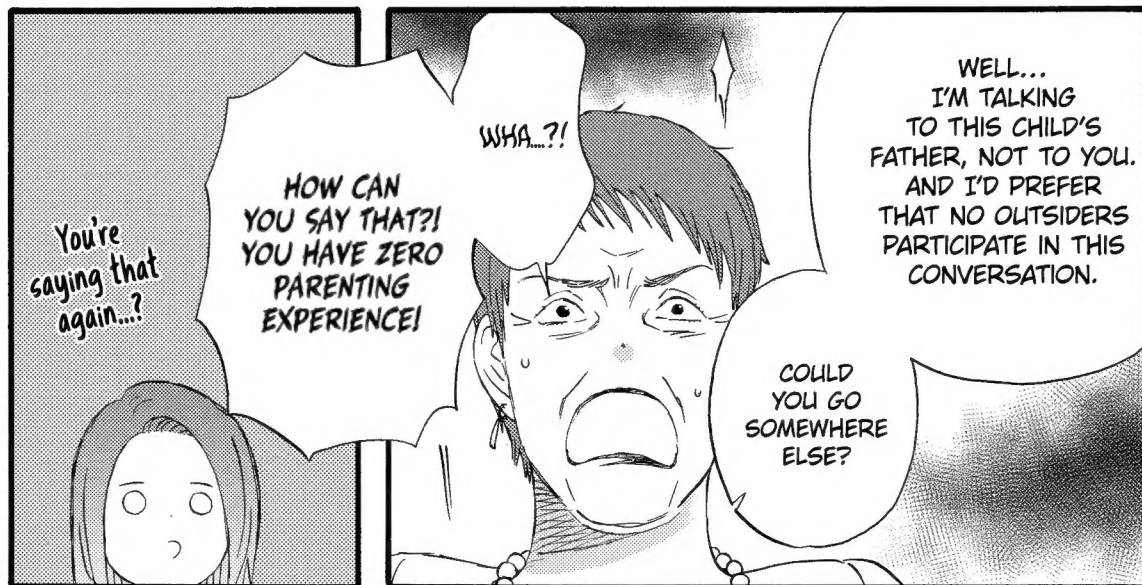
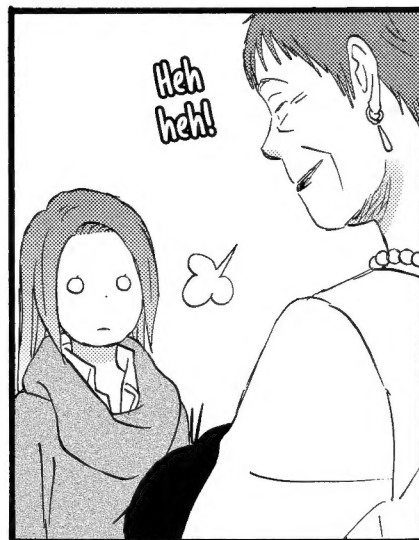
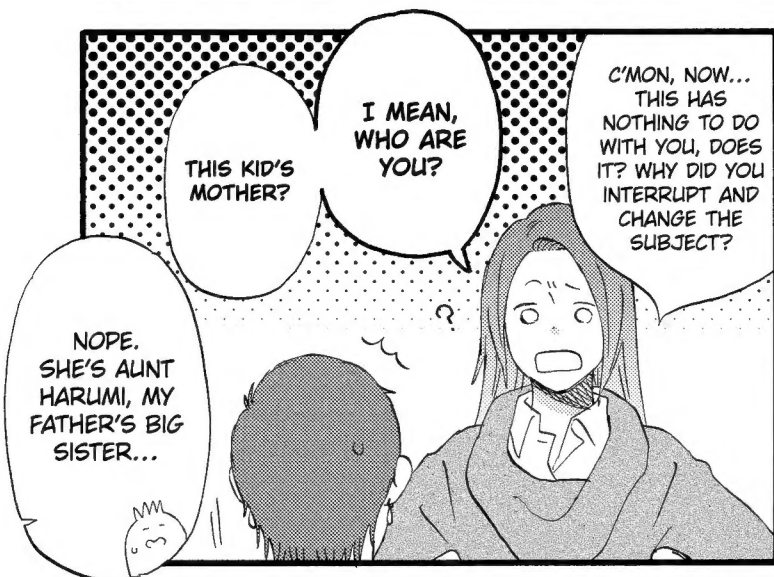
**PAPAAAA!
WHAT'S
THE DEAL
WITH THIS
LADY?!**

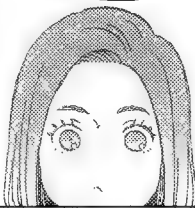


PARENTS
WHO DON'T
EDUCATE THEIR
CHILDREN...

RISK
HAVING THEM
GROW UP UNABLE
TO FORM HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS
WITH OTHERS.

HAVE HIM
REFLECT ABOUT
HIS ACTIONS AND
HIS POSITION.





I CAN
REMEMBER
AND RECOGNIZE
THE EXPERIENCES
THAT HELPED
ME GROW.



LIKE
EVERYONE
ELSE, I WAS
A CHILD
ONCE.

TRUE.
I'VE NEVER
RAISED A
CHILD.

BUT...



HEY, KID!
REMEMBER
THIS...

JOLT



SHE
MADE SURE
TO EXPLAIN TO
ME WHY I HAD
TO BECOME
ONE.

MY MOTHER
RAISED ME TO BE
A GOOD GIRL.

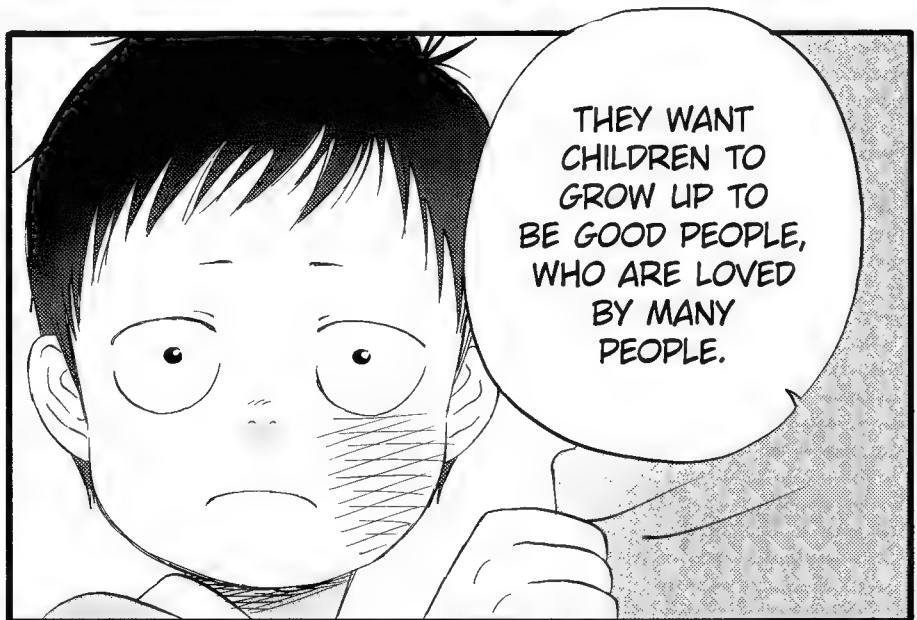
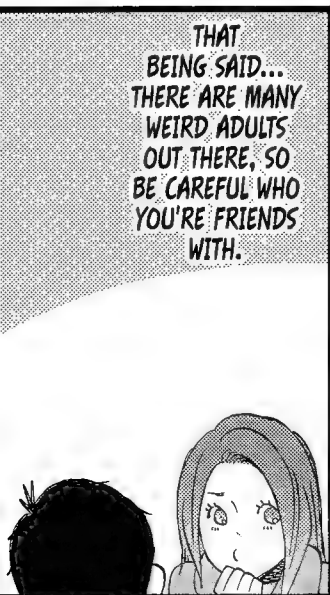


THE GOOD
GUYS ARE
TREATED KINDLY.
THEY DON'T WANT
TO GET INVOLVED
WITH THE BAD
GUYS.

MOST
PEOPLE LIKE
THE GOOD GUYS
AND HATE THE
BAD ONES.



AFTER ALL...





....!

JUST BEING IN
THE SAME ROOM
AS YOU MAKES ME
UNCOMFORTABLE.



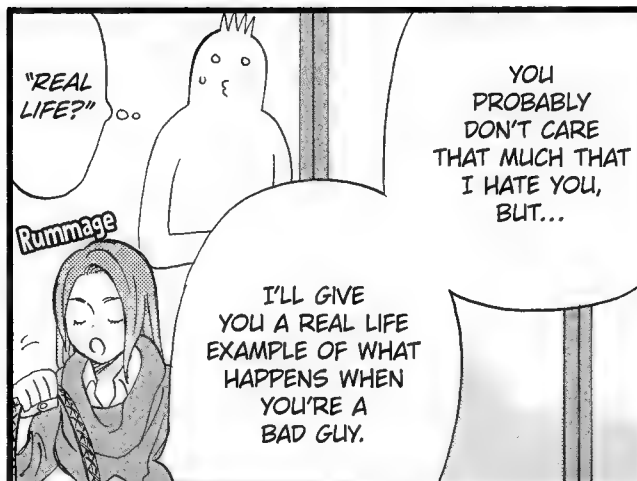
YOU'RE
A ROTTEN
BRAT WHO
INSULTED AND
HIT ME DURING
OUR FIRST
MEETING.

I HATE YOU.
REALLY, I DON'T
WANNA SEE
YOUR FACE.



I STILL
PREPARED
THESE
ENVELOPES.
THEY'RE NEW
YEAR'S
MONEY.

I DIDN'T
EXPECT SO
MANY KIDS TO
BE HERE,
BUT...



"REAL
LIFE?"

Rummage

YOU
PROBABLY
DON'T CARE
THAT MUCH THAT
I HATE YOU,
BUT...

I'LL GIVE
YOU A REAL LIFE
EXAMPLE OF WHAT
HAPPENS WHEN
YOU'RE A
BAD GUY.



IT'S
NOT MUCH,
BUT PLEASE
TAKE IT.



I'M NOT
GIVING YOU
ANY.



TURN

AS FOR
YOU...



P-PAPAAA!

HEY...
FOR
AN ADULT,
YOU'RE NOT
BEING VERY
MATURE...

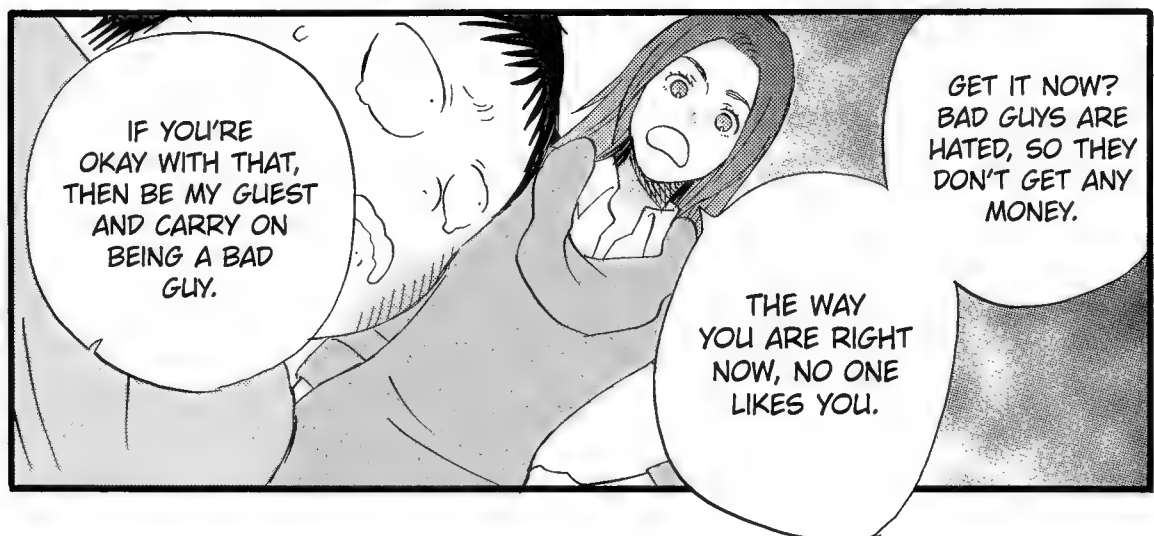


I WORKED
VERY HARD TO
EARN THIS MONEY.
THERE'S NO WAY
I'M GIVING IT TO A
SNOTTY LITTLE
BRAT LIKE
YOU.

I DON'T
CARE.

I-I'M A KID,
TOO!

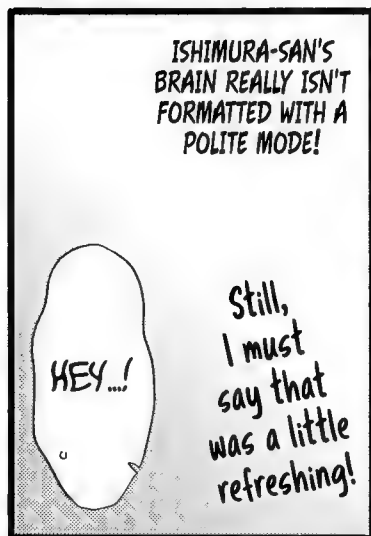
UGH...

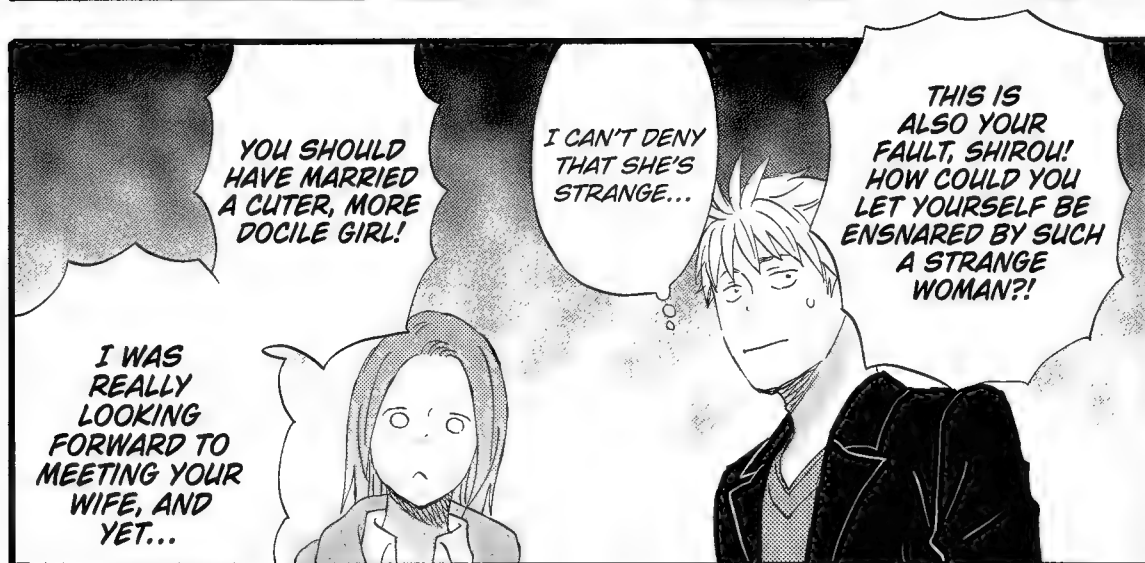


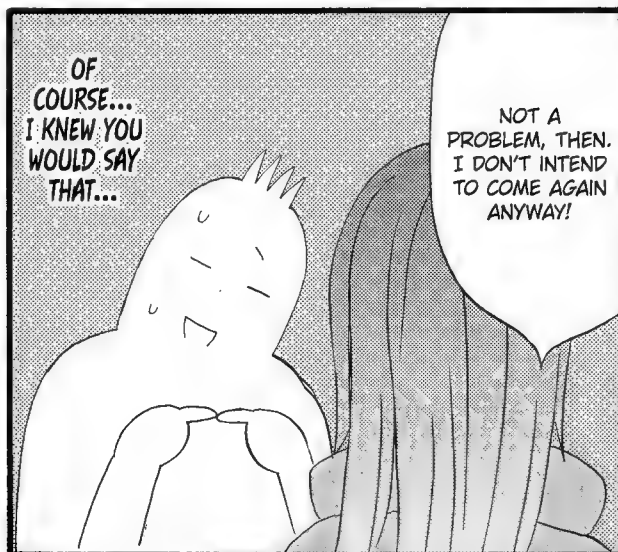
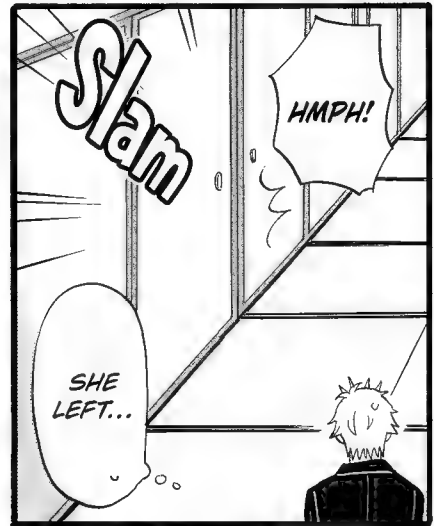
IF YOU'RE
OKAY WITH THAT,
THEN BE MY GUEST
AND CARRY ON
BEING A BAD
GUY.

GET IT NOW?
BAD GUYS ARE
HATED, SO THEY
DON'T GET ANY
MONEY.

THE WAY
YOU ARE RIGHT
NOW, NO ONE
LIKES YOU.









W-WE'LL
BE LEAVING NOW.
PLEASE
EXCUSE
US...

Shut...



OH... OF
COURSE.

I'M TIRED.
LET'S GO TO
OUR ROOM.



STILL...
YOU SEEM
QUITE FOND OF
THAT NOISY
WOMAN.

WERE YOU
HER FAVORITE
NEPHEW OR
SOMETHING?



WHILE I'M
TECHNICALLY
HER NEPHEW,
SHE TREATS ME AS
IF I WERE HER
GRANDSON.

MY AUNT
SEEMED TO BE
VERY PROTECTIVE
OF HIM, AS IF SHE
WERE HIS
MOTHER.

AUNT
HARUMI AND
MY FATHER ARE
SEVERAL YEARS
APART IN
AGE.



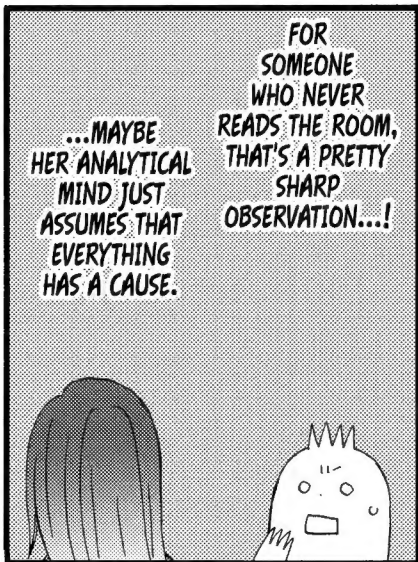
SHIROU-CHAN!
SHIROU-CHAAAAN!



BACK THEN,
SHE WASN'T LIKE
THIS AT ALL...



WHEN
I WAS A KID,
WE USED TO PLAY
TOGETHER
A LOT.



...MAYBE
HER ANALYTICAL
MIND JUST
ASSUMES THAT
EVERYTHING
HAS A CAUSE.

FOR
SOMEONE
WHO NEVER
READS THE ROOM,
THAT'S A PRETTY
SHARP
OBSERVATION....!



THIS IS
JUST A GUESS,
BUT MAYBE HER
FAMILY SITUATION
ISN'T THE
BEST?

PERHAPS
HER FIXATION ON
YOU IS HER WAY OF
COMPENSATING FOR
SOMETHING THAT SHE
COULDN'T FULFILL
IN HER LIFE.

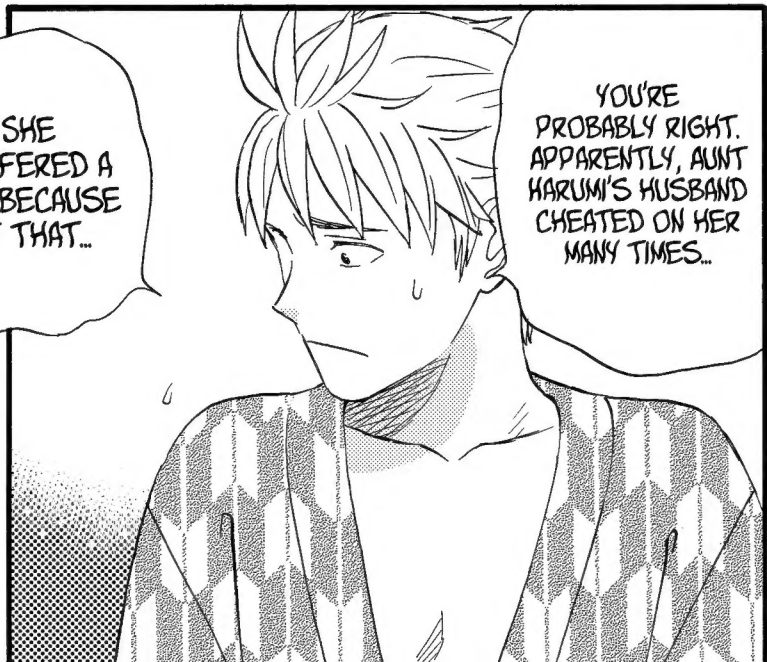


SHIROU-
CHAAAAN!

AUNT
HARUMI!!!



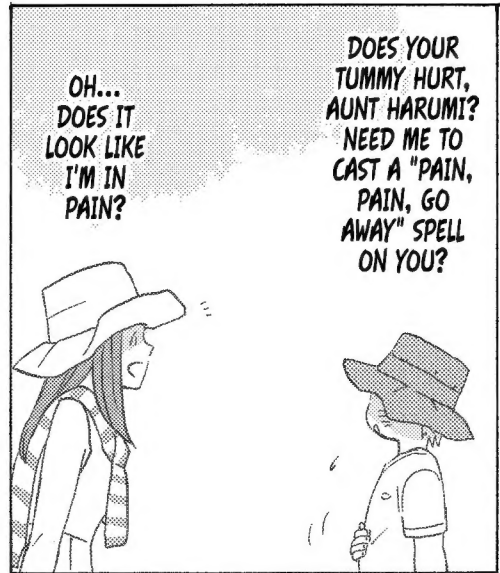
SHE
SUFFERED A
LOT BECAUSE
OF THAT...



YOU'RE
PROBABLY RIGHT.
APPARENTLY, AUNT
HARUMI'S HUSBAND
CHEATED ON HER
MANY TIMES...



YOU'VE BEEN
LOOKING SAD
ALL DAY.

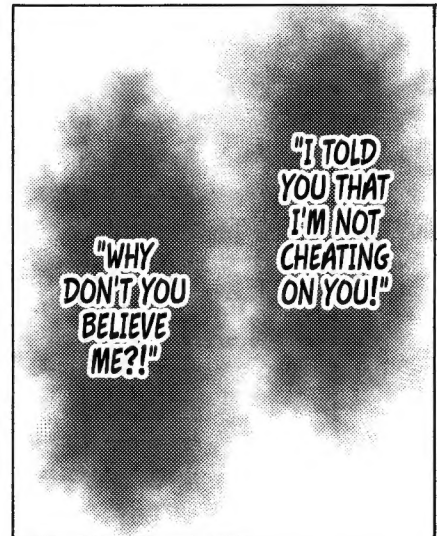


OH...
DOES IT
LOOK LIKE
I'M IN
PAIN?

DOES YOUR
TUMMY HURT,
AUNT HARUMI?
NEED ME TO
CAST A "PAIN,
PAIN, GO
AWAY" SPELL
ON YOU?

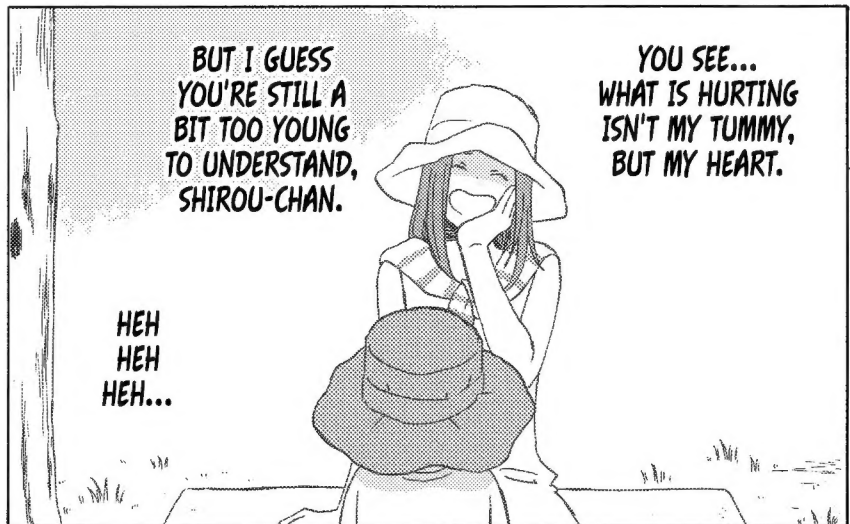
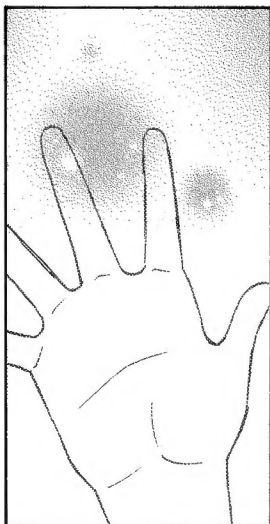


...I'M SORRY.
WE SHOULD BE
HAVING FUN RIGHT
NOW, BUT I ENDED
UP MAKING A
WEIRD FACE.



"WHY
DON'T YOU
BELIEVE
ME?!"

"I TOLD
YOU THAT
I'M NOT
CHEATING
ON YOU!"



BUT I GUESS
YOU'RE STILL A
BIT TOO YOUNG
TO UNDERSTAND,
SHIROU-CHAN.

HEH
HEH
HEH...

YOU SEE...
WHAT IS HURTING
ISN'T MY TUMMY,
BUT MY HEART.

